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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY /PUBLIC HEARINGS OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 15085 (d), Title 14, California Code of Regulations, this is to advise that the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed project described below:

Project Title: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Chevron Richmond Long Wharf Marine Terminal Lease Consideration

Project Location: The Chevron Long Wharf Marine Terminal is located adjacent to Chevron's Richmond Refinery in Contra Costa County, just south of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and Castro Point, northwest of Point Richmond, and north of the Richmond Inner Harbor Entrance Channel, and within 5,500 feet of the entrance to Southampton Shoal Channel.

Project Description: The proposed new 30-year lease of 68 +/- acres of California Sovereign lands would allow Chevron U.S.A., Inc., to continue operating its marine oil terminal and providing transfers of crude oil and petroleum products between vessels and upland storage and petroleum refining nearby.

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for this proposed action.

The level of federal environmental review required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is not known at this time.

The 45-day public review period for this DEIR begins February 27, 2006, and ends on April 13, 2006. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be **received by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 13, 2006**. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to **Valerie Van Way** at 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South, Sacramento, CA 95825, by fax at (916) 574-1885, or by e-mail at vanwayv@slc.ca.gov. If sending comments by fax or by e-mail, please also mail a copy to ensure that the CSLC receives a clean copy.

This DEIR, identified as CSLC EIR #688 and State Clearinghouse No. 98112080, may be viewed electronically, in Word or Pdf format, on the CSLC internet website at <http://www.slc.ca.gov>. Copies of the DEIR are also available for review at the following locations:

Richmond Public Library Main Branch 325 Civic Center Plaza Richmond, CA 94804 (925) 620-6561	Richmond Public Library West Side Branch 135 Washington Avenue Richmond, CA 94801 (925) 620-6567	Richmond Public Library Bayview Branch 5100 Harnett Avenue Richmond, CA 94804 (925) 620-6566
Contra Costa Public Library Attn: Documents Unit 1750 Oak Park Blvd. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 (925) 927-3246	CSLC, Attn: Valerie Van Way 100 Howe Avenue, Ste.100-South Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 574-1900 vanwayv@slc.ca.gov	

Public Hearing:

Pursuant to Section 15087, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines), the CSLC has scheduled two public meetings for receiving oral and written comments on the DEIR at:

Location: **City of Richmond Council Chambers
1401 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804**
Date: **Thursday, March 23, 2006**
Times: **4:00 – 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Note: The first meeting will commence at 4 p.m. and will be kept open 1 hour, or until all testimony is received. It will then be adjourned until 7p.m. and re-opened for one hour, or until all testimony has been received.

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response or by personal appearance at the hearings. Persons wishing to speak at the hearings should call (916) 574-2274 so that time can be allotted for them to present their comments. A sign language interpreter will be provided upon advance notification of need from a hearing-impaired person, by calling (916) 574-2274. Such notice should be made as soon as possible before the date of the hearing.

Potential Significant Impacts on the Environment:

The DEIR discusses the potential for significant impacts on the environment in the following subject areas: Operational Safety and Risk of Accidents, Water Quality, Biological Resources, Commercial and Sport Fisheries, Land Use and Recreation, Air Quality, Noise, Vehicle and Rail Transportation, Visual Resources/ Light and Glare, Cultural Resources, Geological Resources/Structural Integrity and Review, Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice.

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